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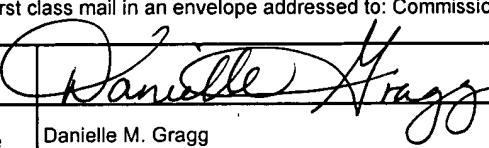
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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are made in response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 15, 2005 in the above-cited patent application. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.